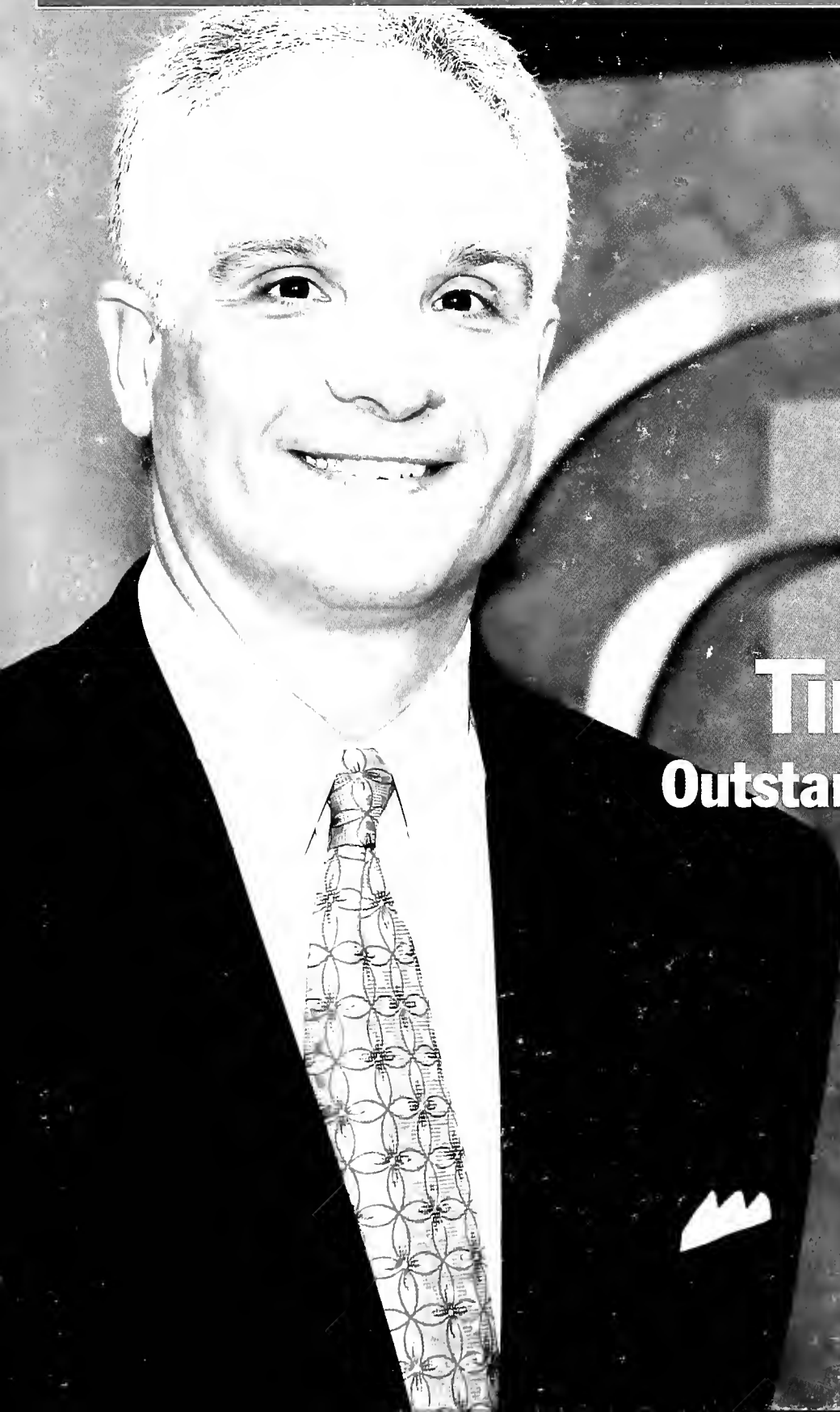


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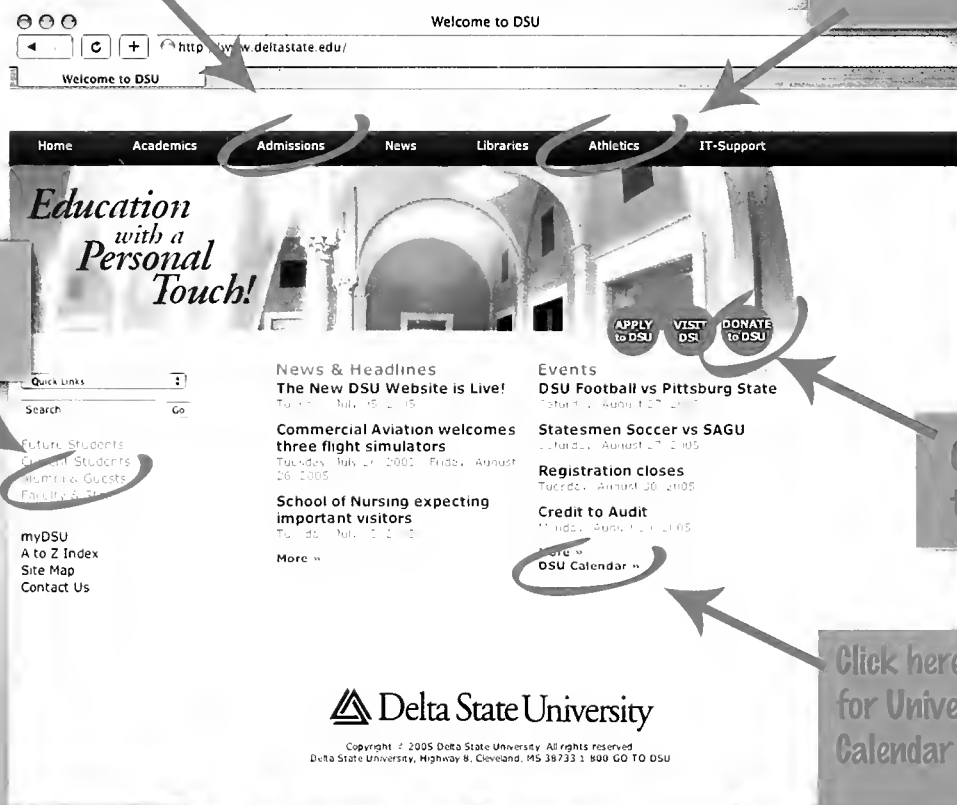
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Country music recording star and native of Greenville, Steve Azar (L), recently met with Josh Manley on Capitol Hill. Azar, a 1987 graduate who lives in Nashville, was lobbying Congress to enact legislation to prevent music piracy. Manley, a 2002 graduate, is a Professional Staff Member on the U. S. Senate Appropriations Committee.



Future Statesman Drew Newquist and Craig Newton visit after Delta State swept the 2005 South Central Regional Tournament.



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During this month of September we will celebrate the start of the 80th academic year of Delta State University. We'll mark the occasion with a cake and candles, a State of the University address, and a special announcement about our Wings & Roots campaign. Enrollment is larger than ever, and you can be sure that the academic offerings of your university remain strong. We hope that you will find time to visit the campus often during this anniversary year.

It has been a lively summer on the campus. We continued innovative programming with the Janice Wyatt Summer Arts Institute, introducing young students to new ideas in the visual and performing arts. We hosted the Mississippi Superintendents Academy, the first center of its kind in Mississippi dedicated to the development of aspiring school superintendents. And, of course, we had our regular student orientation sessions, our semesters of summer school, and our athletic camps. As a result, hundreds of Mississippians and people from other states had opportunities to see our beautiful campus and the culturally fascinating Delta. The months passed quickly.

Now we are looking forward to another good year, and we hope it begins with winning seasons in

football, soccer, and cross country, the classic fall sports. Pig-Pickin and Homecoming are always fun alumni events. Will we see you in Cleveland? Surely you and your family will be here to support the Statesmen!

You can contribute positively to the future of Delta State by being an active member of the Alumni Association, spreading the good news about your university and encouraging your children and their friends to consider attending DSU. You can also participate in local alumni chapter meetings, attend events on campus, and provide gift support to the Delta State University Foundation. Much of the progress that we have made as an institution is because of the generosity of alumni and friends who have made an investment in the university and its students.

I invite you to make a special effort during this 80th academic year to become involved with your alma mater. So many good things are happening on the campus and in this community that you will enjoy your close association with DSU and you will enjoy showing off your university to others. Delta State has always been a special place, and you can make it even more special with your participation and your support.

A stylized, handwritten signature in dark ink. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter being a large, looped 'J'.

JOHN M. HILPERT

## John Grisham's connection to Delta State



Ann Marie Mayers, '04, recently met author John Grisham at Square Books in Oxford. Grisham, although associated with Mississippi State and Ole Miss law school, attended Delta State for one semester and tried out for the Statesman baseball team, but was cut by then head coach "Boo" Ferriss. Also Grisham's sister, Beth, was a dorm mother at Lawler-Harkins. Mayers is in her second year of law school at Ole Miss.

## Grammy winning songwriter returns to campus



Nashville musician and songwriter, Tricia Walker, recently paid a visit to her alma mater and spent time with Norbert Putnam, Director of The Delta Music Institute. Walker earned a degree in Music Education and has translated her degree into a successful career in Nashville. She has worked with such stars as Connie Smith, Paul Overstreet, Russ Taff, and Shania Twain. Her songs have been recorded by Faith Hill, Patty Loveless, and

Alison Krauss who earned a Grammy for "Looking in the Eyes of Love." Walker's newest CD is "The Heart of Dixie", which she says captures her view of the South with well-placed lyrics and music reflecting her folk, R&B, and storytelling influences.

For more information on Walker visit [www.bigfrontporch.com](http://www.bigfrontporch.com)  
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## Dr. Richard Caylor remembered



Marie Caylor Wilson (right), daughter of Dr. Richard Caylor who was the founding director of the Gulf Coast Research Laboratory (GCRL) in Ocean Springs, rechristens the R/V *Hermes* in recognition of 50 years of faithful service. She initially christened the *Hermes* in 1955. For 50 years, college students have boarded the *Hermes* to learn firsthand about Mississippi's marine environments during summer field programs.

## Delta State University Student and Alumni serve in Iraq



Davlon Miller is currently serving in Iraq. He sends his greetings and is enjoying care packages sent to him by alumni and friends. Davlon can be contacted through his mother Carolyn at [rolnym@brentwoodoriginals.com](mailto:rolnym@brentwoodoriginals.com).



Major David Leatherwood, '86, of Senatobia sent the following message through the Alumni Associations' "Web for Alumni" - "We LOVE OUR School. Me at FOB KALSU Iraq, with the DSU distance sign. Alumni at work!" He is serving as the Logistical Officer (S4) for the 155th Brigade Combat Team in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in Iraq.



## Alumni dominate in national journal

The 2004-05 issue of LIT contained the critical and creative works of ten Delta State alumni- Ashley Combest, Stephanie Eddleman, Candice Hunt Harkins, Ann Marie Mayers, Brad Oxnam, Erin Renfroe, Rebecca Seawright, Bree Smith, Cory Smith, and Missy Suttle. LIT is the nationally distributed literary journal of Lambda Iota Tau literature honor society headquartered at Ball State University. The journal publishes only the best poetry, fiction, and critical essays submitted and over one-third of the authors in the 2004-05 issue were Delta State alumni.

## Chorale performs at Carnegie Hall

Thirty-five members of the Delta State University Chorale performed at Carnegie Hall in New York City in March. "Carnegie Hall is THE performing venue for any artist," stated Dr. Richard Waters, Director of Chorale, "We are grateful to the university, local businesses, churches, and individuals who provided the financial support to help us make the trip possible." Chorale performed selections that included Randall Thompson's "Frostiana" and Howard Hanson's "Song of Democracy."

## Math professors present at National Conference

Dr. Rose Strahan, chair and professor in the Department of Mathematics, and Dr. Stella Wear, professor of mathematics, recently presented "Meeting Diverse Algebra Content Needs" at the 2005 Annual Meeting of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM) and Dr. Clifton Wingard, associate professor of mathematics, presented "An Algebraic Introduction to Derivatives and Integrals in Calculus." NCTM has 100,000 members and is the world's largest organization dedicated to improving mathematics education for students. The meeting was held in Anaheim, California.

## Hilliard Receives First Honorary Doctorate



Delta State University awarded its first-ever honorary degree to Mr. Elbert R. Hilliard, Director Emeritus, Mississippi Department of Archives and History, at the 78th Spring Commencement services, held Saturday, May 14, inside Walter Sillers Coliseum on the DSU campus. Honorary degrees have been a tradition in North American higher education for more than 300 years, with Delta State University conferring the honorary degree to individuals who have made significant and meritorious contributions to the university, higher education generally, or other areas of society. Expected areas of achievement included, but were not limited to, outstanding creative and scholarly work, distinguished leadership or service, significant accomplishments, or exceptional philanthropic support.

Hilliard, a 1958 honors graduate from then Delta State College with a B.S.E in Social Studies and Health, Physical Education & Recreation, more than met the qualifications during his 31-year

tenure as Director for the Mississippi Department of Archives and History. Comprising the state archives and record management programs, the state historical museum and other sites, and the historic preservation program, the Department of Archives and History is the largest cultural institution in the state. Under Hilliard's leadership, the department flourished, earning a reputation for excellence, notes

H.T. Holmes, current Director for the Department, in his letter of nomination for Hilliard.

Hilliard was hooded by President Dr. John M. Hilpert, as Hilliard's Doctorate of Humane Letters was conferred.

A native of Nitta Yuma, Hilliard is married to the former Claire Nichols, a 1957 graduate of Delta State University. The couple has two daughters, Lee Michelle Hilliard of Birmingham, Ala.; and Tessa Hilliard Minchew of Tucker, Georgia.

"I could not think of a more fitting alumnus to be awarded Delta State University's first honorary degree than Elbert Hilliard," said Hilpert. "Mr. Hilliard's long and dedicated career to the Mississippi Department of Archives and History deserves to be recognized and it is a privilege for us to do with this Doctorate of Humane Letters."



## SGA President elected

Valerie Orcutt (left) of Lorman was elected president of the Student Government Association. Orcutt, a nursing major, was presented the president's gavel by outgoing president Josh West of Shannon.

# Campus under construction



Woolfolk Hall and Daugherty Hall, better known as GI 1 and 2, were demolished to make room for a much needed parking lot. The dorms were former navy barracks and surplus buildings used in 1946 to house men returning from World War II to Delta State on the G.I. Bill.

If you have been on the Delta State campus lately, you have probably noticed a lot of hard hats and caution tape. That's because construction and renovations are in full force.

Since 2002 Delta State has been building, repairing, and adding on to almost all of its facilities, from a brand new recording studio for the Delta Music Institute and a new airplane hanger for the Aviation Department to a renovation of the Family and Consumer Sciences Kitchen complete with Viking appliances. With over \$55.5 million from the state and donors, all of these projects have been made possible.

Over the past several years, quite a few other construction projects have already been completed: renovations of Clark and Longino Halls, as well as the construction of Kent Wyatt Hall, the softball facility and the Dorgan Performance Center that was finished in March. Phase II of the Court of Governors is done, and now Phase III is scheduled for completion in November of this year.

The betterment of the baseball and football stadiums' facilities and concession stands is also in the near future. Also new fire alarm systems will be added to all four buildings including Noel and Brewer that were renovated in 2002. Twelve full-sized kitchens, a deck and a courtyard volleyball court will be added.

Many buildings are having small but effective renovations. Kethley, Bailey and the Union are all having minor work done. The roofs of Bailey, Ziegler, Broom, Health Services and Caylor-White/ Walters are being replaced in the summer months.

Four new high-tech classrooms were added to Jobe Hall, along with a new parking lot that contains 30 additional spots. New elevators are being added to the Union, Ewing Hall, the Natatorium and Caylor-White/Walters Halls, along with wheelchair ramps in the front and back of the Union, the front of Cleveland Hall and the front of Caylor-White/Walters Hall. Ewing Hall will also be receiving a new HVAC system.

More than 180 parking spots will be available soon, following the recent demolition of Daugherty and Woolfolk Halls, as well as \$300,000 worth of street resurfacing to take place in the fall. The construction of the Sanders Sculpture Garden will begin this fall in front of the Bologna Performing Arts Center, with landscaping of Kent Wyatt Hall to be completed by Homecoming.



*Jobe Hall Addition*

With such an array of renovations taking place, the Delta State campus will continue to grow as one of the prime educational centers of the Delta.

The Coahoma County Higher Education Center will be receiving a complete renovation of its facilities beginning later this year with scheduled completion in the summer of 2007.

## Appointments, Hires, and Promotions (as of press date)

Mike Bloomgren hired as Offensive Coordinator for the Statestars football team.

Deborah Cox hired as CEO for the Alumni-Foundation Office.

John Elliott promoted to position of Registrar.

Dr. Brent Hales appointed Director of Entrepreneurial and Business Research in the College of Business.

Johnny Kimbrough promoted to Assistant Box Office Manager at the Bologna Performing Arts Center.

Deborah Moore promoted to Director of the Center for Community Development.

Ben Roberts hired as Defensive Coordinator for the football team.

Larry Stimpington promoted to Manager of the Darrell Foreman Golf Course.

Jason Umfress hired as Assistant to VP for Student Affairs and Director of Career Services and Placement.

John Wojcik hired as Director of Bands.

Marilyn Kelly hired as the Retention Coordinator and International Student Advisor.

Yancy Cooper promoted to Director of Audience Services and Public Relations at the Bologna Performing Arts Center.

Ronnie Mayers has been moved to Assistant Athletic Director for Special Projects and Director of Swim Team Operations.

Brian Hein has been promoted to head Swimming and Diving coach.

Rachel Miller hired as Communications Specialist in the President's Office.

*Please send all University appointments, hires and promotions to University Relations at [univrel@deltastate.edu](mailto:univrel@deltastate.edu).*



# Charlie Capps,

## The Chairman Retires

By Chip Mabry

Mr. Chairman. The term is traditionally given to the greatest powerbroker in the Mississippi Legislature. Charlie Capps has worn that distinguished title for thirty-two years. Bolivar and Sunflower counties gave Capps a memorable send-off by declaring July 6, 2005 "Charlie Capps Day."

More than twenty floats marched down Victoria and Court Street in Cleveland in a parade honoring Capps. Two Apache Helicopters from the Army National Guard's Combat Heavy Engineer Battalion kicked off the parade.

Capps always took a special interest in education and always made it a part of his legislative agenda. Delta State University has benefited greatly from his support, and recently a building was named in his honor. Capps says "Education and economics go together."

A luncheon was held at Delta State's Walter Sillers Coliseum. The luncheon showed Delta State's gratitude for the support of Chairman Capps and featured a showcase of various political cartoons of Capps throughout the decades. "Delta State had no greater friend in the House of Representatives than Charlie Capps. A 'True Statesman', Mr. Capps had the best interest of this University and the Mississippi Delta in mind," said Dr. John Hilpert, President of Delta State University. The event offered many residents of Capps' district an opportunity to meet the Chairman in person and thank him for his years of service.

Capps is a well-known golf enthusiast and at 1 p.m. the Charlie Capps Golf Tournament took place at the Cleveland Country Club.

The day ended with a "Salute to Representative Charlie Capps, Jr."

Attendees included Governor Haley Barbour, State Auditor Phil Bryant, and former House Ways and Means Chairman and current Chief of Staff to the Governor, Charlie Williams.

The dinner was emceed by *Delta Business Journal* Publisher Scott Coopwood and speakers included Hilpert, Michelle Roberts of the Cleveland Bolivar County Chamber, and Governor Barbour.

"It's been said that Charlie Capps is the 'Best Friend' that Delta State University has ever had and that's a statement that is hard to dispute," said Hilpert, while Barbour joked, "I think that Charlie is retiring because there are no more buildings to name after him."

A twenty-minute film depicted Capps' life as a husband, father, High Sheriff, and legislator. Senator's Thad Cochran and Trent Lott video taped their memories of Capps. "He will forever be Mr. Chairman to me," said Cochran. Lott praised Capps as a perfect example of a public servant and as a true Southern gentleman.

Capps was sheriff of Bolivar County from 1964-68 and president of the Mississippi Sheriff Association in 1964-1965.

Capps was elected to the Mississippi House of Representatives in November 1971 and took office in January 1972. He was chairman of the powerful Appropriations Committee from 1988 through 2003.

Capps was given an award from Blake Wilson of the Mississippi Economic Council and Delta State paid tribute by presenting a collage of articles and pictures of Capps and his career. The day was a celebration a Mississippi politician who was truly one of a kind and his type may not be seen for some time.



# TV Broadcast from Campus

## A Q&A with Tammy Lemon

**Q:** How long has WABG been broadcasting from the Delta State studio?

**A:** Since 2001

**Q:** How did the studio come to be on the campus?

**A:** It began as a mutually beneficial relationship between WABG and DSU. Delta State needed help producing the Delta State Sports Show, and WABG needed a studio for the Cleveland Bureau that they wanted to establish to benefit viewers in this area.

**Q:** How does it strengthen your broadcast and the quality of the broadcast?

**A:** Cleveland is an important part of our viewing area. Having our studio in Cleveland gives us a strong presence in the community and allows us to stay abreast of breaking news in Cleveland and Bolivar County.

**Q:** What does it mean to have that association with Delta State University?

**A:** Delta State is a major force in the

community. Being partnered with DSU adds to WABG's credibility, especially with the physical tie of having the studio on campus.

**Q:** Overall comment on how it personally benefits you as the Cleveland reporter.

**A:** I can not express how beneficial it is to have the Cleveland studio on DSU's campus! It enables us to be the only media with live capability. That means if something "big" happens in Cleveland, we are the only ones able to immediately break-in and let the citizens know what's going on. As the Cleveland reporter, the studio allows me to spend more time in the community, instead of constantly commuting back and forth to our other studios. If we didn't have the



Lemon

Cleveland studio, my husband and I would not have been able to make our home in Cleveland!

**Q:** Anything else you would like to add?

**A:** We are so proud of the relationship we have with Delta State, a huge influence in the Delta. The WABG team hopes to continue this wonderful partnership for many years to come!



## New York Mississippi Picnic

On June 11, 2005, Mississippians from around the state gathered in New York City to attend the 26th Annual Mississippi Picnic in Central Park. Many Mississippi universities were represented and Delta State was no exception. Governor Haley Barbour stopped by the Delta State booth to greet DSU alumni and friends.

The Green and White flags, Fighting Oldra tee shirts and Statesman stickers were in abundance. "This is exciting," raved '94 graduate Beau Garverick of New York City. "Just how often do you get to see people from Mississippi, much less Delta State alumni and friends, right here in Central Park?"

Cindy McAlysten, a graduate who lives two hours from New York City, prepared a picnic lunch and made the trek to the city

with her husband to greet representatives from the University. George and Rachel Miller and Vicki and Charles Fioranelli.

Baseball and football alumni brothers, Donnie and Patrick House were in town for a vacation and took time to attend the picnic before touring the city. These were only a few of the alumni and friends from the Delta who came to hear bass player Barry Bays and blues singer "Big T" perform at the picnic. Scott Conkwood, DSU Foundation board member and organizer of the picnic, expressed pleasure in seeing Cleveland's own Delta State University represented at the picnic and said, "Just wait till next year! We hope a large contingency from the Delta will make the trip to show New York residents the positive side of Mississippi."



# TIM HARVEY

## OUTSTANDING ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR

*By Mark Bird*

Tim Harvey, 2005's Outstanding Alumnus of the Year, certainly exemplifies the kind of career and personal achievement that the award commemorates. In his 25 years in the hospitality industry, Harvey has become a recognized leader in the development and utilization of technology for hotel management operations, and played a vital role in the technological changes and advancements that have transformed the industry. Harvey is Senior Vice-President and Chief Information Officer with Hilton Hotels Corporation in Memphis (while Hilton is headquartered in Beverly Hills,

California, the company has a significant corporate presence in Memphis—including a majority of its Information Technology operations and management).

A Mississippi native, Harvey earned his BBA at Delta State in 1980. He was a member of the Statesman baseball team from 1977 to 1980, and received the Charles S. Kerg, Sr. Award, given to the top male and female varsity athlete at DSU for excellence in scholarship, athletic performance, and community and school involvement. He was also a member of the

DSU Hall of Fame. Following his graduation from Delta State, Harvey went on to earn an MBA from the University of Memphis.

His career began while he was still attending Delta State. "During my junior year, I was selected as a summer intern in the Management Information Systems department at Holiday Inns," he recalls. "As it turned out, that was the beginning of a career for me in hospitality technology—after I graduated, I was offered a permanent job with Holiday Inns."

After assuming the role of Chief Information Officer for Promus in 1995, Harvey was challenged to develop an integrated property management system. "At that time, each of our hotel properties accessed their local property management system through one user interface, while using a different interface to access the central reservations system in Memphis," he explains. "Although the two systems were 'connected', they required additional steps for users to complete their tasks, resulting in operational and customer service inefficiencies."

The Windows-based system Harvey and his staff developed, called System 21, was revolutionary, and led to substantially decreased labor and training costs, improved profitability, and decreased technology spending by individual hotel units and the corporation. It also provided a modular system that could be continually expanded to include increasing numbers of hotels and business units.

Of course, the 1990's were also the period when personal computer use and the Internet began making major changes in everyday life. Harvey was quick to react to this sea of change, introducing online reservations to the Promus website in 1995.

He assumed his current position in 1999, when Hilton Hotels Corporation acquired Promus.

Under Harvey's leadership, Internet Week magazine recognized Hilton Hotels Corporation as the "2001 E-Business of the Year." Among numerous other honors, the corporation received the TELMAN award for System 21—this award is given to companies who achieve significant improvements in bringing people and technology together.

As a nationally and internationally recognized leader in technology, Harvey and his contributions to the industry were spotlighted by Bill Gates in his book, *Business At The Speed Of Thought*.

With the scope of his position within the Hilton worldwide organization, and the ongoing challenges and changes in tech-



Tim Harvey and Coach 'Boo' Ferriss

nology, Tim Harvey says a "typical" work-day involves a tremendous amount of communication with team members. "There's a lot of talking on the phone, answering e-mails, and participating in meetings," he comments. "Most of the communication is with really creative people about new ideas and opportunities, like understanding the key issues in our business and thinking of different ways to address those issues. I spend a great deal of my time searching for innovations through technology that can increase the company's advantage over our competitors."

"The hospitality industry is a 'people' business—people taking care of people. I view the primary role of technology as being to help our team members take care of our valuable guests."

Harvey still makes room in a hectic schedule for civic involvement, and is active with Junior Achievement, the United Way, and the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. He also manages to find some leisure time, which he says is focused almost exclusively on spending time with his family. "My wife Nancy and I have two boys who are very involved in sports," he reports. "Bryan is a member of the University of Tennessee at Martin baseball team, and Brandon is playing high school football for Briarcrest Christian School (where Harvey is also a volunteer coach). It's important to me to attend those sporting events and be there for them. Even though I stay very busy, it's this fun stuff that creates memories you keep forever."

*See Homecoming schedule of activities on the back cover. Harvey will be recognized that weekend as part of the Alumni brunch on Saturday, October 29.*

In the 1980's, Harvey was actively involved in significant developments such as the installation of the property management system at the very first Hampton Inn, and by 1987 he had been promoted to Director of Business Systems Development at Holiday Inns. The 1990's brought a number of changes and challenges, starting with the sale of the Holiday Inn brand to London-based Bass, PLC. The remaining brands—including Embassy Suites, Hampton Inns, and Homewood Suites, were grouped together as Promus Hotel Corporation.

## 2005 Outstanding Alumnus and Service Award Winners



Thigpen

**The Hugh Ellis Walker Alumni Service Award** is named for Hugh Ellis Walker who served for 24 years as the Director of the Delta State University Alumni/Foundation. The alumni-foundation house is named

in his honor. Judson Thigpen of Cleveland is the 2005 award recipient. Thigpen is the Executive Director of the Cleveland-Bolivar County Chamber of Commerce, is a member of the DSU Foundation board, past president of the Cleveland Bolivar County Chamber of Commerce, and a former baseball team stand-out, playing for Coach "Boo" Ferriss. Judson and the entire Thigpen family recently provided funds to construct the J.A. 'Bud' Thigpen, Jr., Baseball Annex to Chadwick-Dixon Field House.



Ferriss

**The Gladys Castle "Friend of Delta State" Service Award** is named for Gladys Castle, a 46 year employee of Delta State who served as the first Alumni Secretary. Coach Dave "Boo" Ferriss is the 2005 recipient. A

graduate of Mississippi State University, Ferriss played for the Boston Red Sox and returned to his Cleveland where he built the Delta State baseball program to the Division II premier program that it is today. Ferriss remains in constant touch with former players and knows them by name as well as the names of their children and grandchildren. Ferriss Baseball Field and the Bryce Griffis Indoor Practice Facility are just two of the visible tributes to the man who is known far and wide simply as "Boo."



Gardner

**The Kent Wyatt "Young Alumnus" Service Award** is presented to an alumnus 36 years of age or younger who has given outstanding service to Delta State. The award is named for former university president, Dr. Kent Wyatt.

Wyatt served as president of Delta State for 24 years. The new administration building on campus bears his name while the conference room was named for his wife, Janice Collins Wyatt. The recipient of the award is Mandy Gardner of Jackson, class of 1999. At Delta State she was a member of Tri Delta Sorority and Order of Omega. Mandy is a realtor with Century 21 Masselle & Associates where she was named one of the "Top 30 under 30" in the nation for 2004 by Realtor Magazine. She is a native of Eudora, Ark.

## Leading nationwide IT company headed by alumni

Digital Consulting and Software Services (DCSS) is a Houston based company that specializes in providing quality information solutions. DCSS has several ties to Delta State including the CEO Patricia McNutt Patterson, '79, who graduated with honors while earning her B.S. in mathematics and husband Bob, '79, who serves as COO. Patterson began her professional career over 20 years ago as a programmer in Houston Texas. In 1987, she became a consultant to McDonnell Douglas in St. Louis where she was a recipient of the programming team involved in the manufacture of the F-15.

"The company provides IT consulting services to clients nationwide in the areas of Laboratory Informatics, Enterprise Content Management, Business Intelligence, custom application design, systems integration and management," said Patricia. "The major industries we service are government, energy, pharmaceutical, and health-care."

Patterson began her career with DCSS in a consulting capacity, helping DCSS build client relationships. She now serves as CEO. As a founding member, Patterson has been instrumental in obtaining certifications for DCSS's recognition in the business community as a Women-Owned Business Enterprise. In 1999, Patterson was a recipient of the "Top 20 Houston Women in Technology" award and she participated in Leadership America. In 2002 Patricia and Patterson won the "Ernest and Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award for IT" in Houston.

DCSS currently has offices in Houston, Atlanta, New Orleans, St. Louis, and Florida. Patterson recently tapped another Delta State graduate to become the Director of Consulting Services for the New Orleans office. Victoria Jackson majored in Computer Information Systems and also played basketball for the Lady Statesmen. Jackson spent eight years working for IBM before coming to DCSS.

Jackson credits her time at Delta State and especially her time with the Lady Statesmen as helping her in the professional world. "My Lady Statesmen experience is very relevant to my professional endeavors, there were many lessons I learned on the court," Jackson says. "A few of the things I learned are: how to motivate people, toward a common goal, how to be a leader, how to be a follower (being coachable), how my actions can change the outcome for the team (positively or negatively), and how to invoke self-discipline and prepare for your objectives," she says.

During her playing days, Jackson received the Most Improved Player Award. She says "During that time, the award just didn't seem as appealing as the MVP award. However, that's kind of my personal mantra: I attempt to work by a "Kaizen" principle (i.e. continuous improvement). I'm always looking for ways to improve the way that I am managing my unit, delivering service, etc. I want to be better this year than I was last year; ironically, I would be extremely pleased to think that I could receive a "most improved executive award."



Patricia Patterson (front left) and Victoria Jackson and Bob Patterson

Jackson goes on to say "As a CIS student, I received a good foundation for utilizing technology to achieve and support various business goals. Exposure to different technical roles (programming, analysis, etc.) helped me to determine what technical direction I wanted for my career. I've always felt my educational background was on par with my peers, and I'm definitely glad I chose to attend Delta State."

The Pattersons and Victoria had a great educational experience at Delta State. The friendliness and personal attention all three received at Delta State were major components in forming their interpersonal skills. "Even today, we treat everyone we encounter with the Southern hospitality and warmth we experienced at Delta State," said Patricia.

Patricia Patterson and Victoria Jackson are both great examples of how far you can take your career if you have the right foundation and the drive to be the best. For more information on DCSS you can visit their web site [www.dcss.com](http://www.dcss.com).



# Wings and Roots Reaches a Soaring Conclusion

By Mark Bird



When the Delta State Foundation began its *Wings and Roots: Let Our Legacy Soar* capital campaign five years ago, it was with a vision of transforming the University, as well as

the lives of its students and its faculty. Now, with gifts and pledges that have surpassed even the revised campaign goal (and total more than three times the original goal), that transformation is well underway.

*Wings and Roots: Let Our Legacy Soar* was launched in 2000 with what campaign chair Ned Mitchell calls an "ambitious" goal of \$12 million. By the spring of 2004, the goal had been increased to \$35 million. As Mitchell relates, "Thanks to the generosity of the Delta State community, at that point we had already received around \$31 million in gifts and pledges. In the past several weeks, we have eclipsed our goal, with gifts and pledges now totaling over \$36 million."

While originally scheduled to end on December 31, 2005, *Wings and Roots* will now formally end in September, Mitchell reports. "We're timing it to coordinate with the 80th academic anniversary of the University, and we're planning a celebratory

event to commemorate the very successful conclusion of the campaign."

The support provided as a result of *Wings and Roots* is being utilized to fund scholarships, faculty development, athletics, and other campus priorities. Even a look at a handful of the projects funded to date illustrates the far-reaching benefits being realized:

- \$2.4 million in new scholarship money for endowed and annual scholarships
- Creation of the Hazel and Jimmy Sanders Sculpture Garden at the Bologna Performing Arts Center
- Inception of the Delta Music Institute
- The initiation of two federally-supported programs, the Delta Health Alliance and the Delta Education Initiative

In addition to these and many more, the University has received four estate gifts, totaling \$1.3 million, for endowments which will fund numerous scholarships.

Dr. John Thornell, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, says one of the most important components of *Wings and Roots* is the *Kent and Janice Wyatt Faculty Development Fund*. "It provides direct funding that we can make available to our faculty, and augments our departmental funding. We can bring in speakers, for example, or hold seminars and workshops. It also allows faculty members to attend conferences, etc. Some donors have also given funds for specific academic programs."

Dr. Susan Allen Ford, professor of English, speaks first-hand of the professional growth opportunities that *Wings and Roots* is providing. "Over the past several years, I've been able to participate in a number of conferences and seminars, thanks to financial support from the Wyatt Faculty Development Fund. At Jane Austen conferences, for example, I was able to deepen my understanding of the connections between her



Campaign Chair, Ned Mitchell

novels and political and scientific issues, as well as the music, art, and architecture of the period. Experiences such as this have allowed me to incorporate new strategies into my classes."

Delta State faculty and staff have aptly demonstrated their appreciation of the opportunities the campaign provides. As Thornell points out, DSU faculty and staff, as a group, have made up the largest percentage of individual donors.

Certainly, some of the most significant "transformations" have been in the lives of Delta State students, like Ruth Ann Lopez Luciano. Since childhood, Luciano had dreamed of being a nurse, but like many students, the financial challenges made that dream difficult to realize. "Thanks to financial assistance made possible by donors to *Wings and Roots*, I received a scholarship for nursing school, and became the first one in my family to graduate from college," she says. A 2000 Delta State graduate, Luciano now serves a vital role as an emergency room nurse in Ruleville.

A major addition to the Delta State campus is the Billy Dorgan, Jr. Student Performance Center, and its funding exemplifies the spirit of giving that has characterized the *Wings and Roots* campaign. As Mitchell explains, "The Center became a reality thanks to a \$1.5 million pledge to the campaign by Billy and Patty Dorgan, Sr., in honor of their son Billy, Jr." The younger Dorgan was a standout member of the Delta State football team from 1999 to 2000, and played on the 2000 National Football Championship team. The center named for him is a state-of-the-art complex now being utilized by all DSU athletic programs.

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Dr. Susan Allen Ford (right) received one of six \$5,000 faculty prizes provided by the Foundation in the areas of service, teaching, and research. She was presented her prize by James A. "Jimmy" Newquist (left), Foundation Board president, and Dr. Hilpert.



## Wings and Roots

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While *Wings and Roots: Let Our Legacy Soar* may be approaching its formal conclusion, the vision-and the transformation-will continue. Says Mitchell, "Because we've had so much success in various venues, and because there's so much going on at Delta State, we will continue to focus on several areas. These include the Delta Music Institute, our athletics facilities, the Bologna Performing Arts Center, and scholarships in general."

At the same time, he reports, Delta State Alumni Foundation Executive Director Keith Fulcher and his staff will begin planning a new fundraising campaign that will begin in 24 to 36 months. Thanks to the tremendously generous support of the community and the shared vision that support demonstrates, both the University and the wider community will continue to "soar" into the future.



*Billy Dorgan, Sr. (left) recently toured the Billy Dorgan, Jr. Student Performance Center with Athletic Director, Dr. Brad Teague. The ribbon cutting ceremony for the \$1.5 million facility will be held on Saturday, September 10 at 5:45 p.m. prior to the Statesman's first home game.*

## Family Tie to University Inspires Monetary Contribution at Delta State

*By Rebecca D. Seawright*

Sarah Anne "Sally" Hill Bolding, a resident of Gulf Breeze, Fla., and her husband, Dr. Harold "Skip" Bolding, made a generous six figure gift to Delta State University in memory of her father, the late Edward Bibb

"E.B." Hill, Jr. Mrs.



*Bolding*

Bolding is a native of Greenville, Miss. but spent a good portion of her childhood in both Greenville and Cleveland. She attended Greenville High before beginning a college career that would

eventually culminate in a degree from Delta State University. Mrs. Bolding's ties to the University run deeper than that, however. Her grandfather, E.B. Hill, was one of three men who in 1911 donated 20 acres of land for the Bolivar County Agricultural High School, laying the foundation for what would become Delta State Teachers College. Hill Demonstration School was erected where the Roberts-LaForge Library now stands and housed an elementary program for many years before it was discontinued in 1957, the same year as E.B. Hill's death.



*Edward Bibb Hill, Jr., overlooking one of the first rice fields in the Delta*

Mrs. Bolding chose to contribute to Delta State in honor of her father, the first rice farmer in Bolivar County. "He was a pioneer planter," says Bolding of her father, "the first man to plant rice in the Delta." The Boldings gift will be used to endow the Edward Bibb Hill, Jr. Memorial Scholarship. Delta State University is grateful for the

generous support provided by Skip and Sally Bolding. For more information on how you can make a difference in the lives of Delta State students, please contact Director of Development George Miller at (662) 846-4708 or email him at [gmliller@deltastate.edu](mailto:gmliller@deltastate.edu).

*Bolding passed on July 25, 2005 before the publishing date of this magazine.*

## Dr. William McKinley Cash Scholarship Endowed

Through the generous support of Tim and Nancy Cash Harvey, the Delta State University Foundation is proud to announce to establishment of the **Dr. William McKinley Cash Scholarship**. This scholarship, created in memory of Dr. Cash, will be awarded to an undergraduate history major who desires to become a teacher.

Dr. Cash began his career as professor and chair of the history department at Delta State University in 1962. During his 33 year tenure at Delta State, Dr. Cash authored several books, served on boards

and was active in many professional organizations including serving as president of the Bolivar County and Mississippi Historical Societies. Delta State University recognized Dr. Cash as its' faculty member of the year. He was very active in the Methodist Church having taught adult Sunday school classes for over 40 years.

For more information about the **Dr. William McKinley Cash Scholarship**, please contact Director of Development George Miller at [gmiller@deltastate.edu](mailto:gmiller@deltastate.edu) or call the Foundation office at (662) 846-4708.



*Dr. Cash*

## Q: How can you make a significant investment in the future of Delta State University?

## A: Through a planned gift to the Delta State University Foundation!

- Planned gifts, distributed from one's estate, often allow a person to make a substantially larger gift to Delta State than might be possible during the donor's lifetime.
- Planned gifts to qualified charitable entities, including the Delta State University Foundation, can provide tax advantages to the donor's estate.
- Planned gifts, with the donor's counsel, can establish permanent endowments, allowing the donor to provide scholarship opportunities for students.
- Planned gifts, in most cases, are easily implemented through a specific bequest in one's will, through a gift of life insurance, through a charitable gift annuity, or a charitable trust.
- Planned gifts to the Delta State University Foundation qualify generous donors for membership in the Foundation's prestigious planned gifts recognition club, the Quadrangle Oak Society.

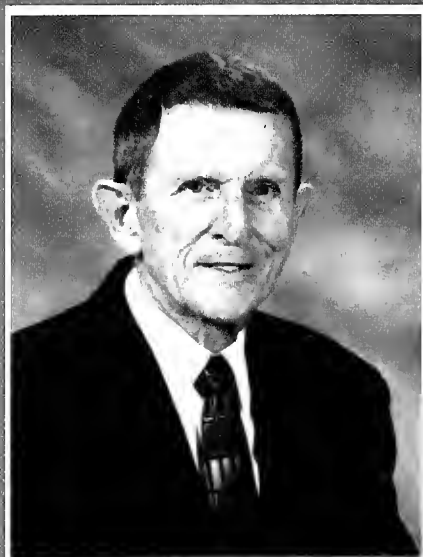
These days, in addition to their generous annual support, many farsighted Delta State alumni and friends are investing in the future of their university through a planned gift to the Delta State University Foundation. With their loyal support, these benefactors are guaranteeing that throughout the 21st century and beyond, Delta State University will continue to strive to be the Best Regional University in America!

The benefits of making a planned gift to the Delta State University Foundation are many.

Want to know more about how you can invest in the future of Delta State University through a planned gift?

*Please contact us and we  
will send you more information.*

**George Miller**  
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Whites

## Alumnus receives national award

Dr. Jack Whites, '55, received the 2005 Nelson J. Bradley Lifetime Achievement Award in the field of alcoholism and drug dependency at the NAATP (National Association of Addiction Treatment Providers Convention) in Scottsdale, Arizona.

The annual award is the most distinguished award that can be given to a professional in the field of Addiction Treatment by this association. Whites currently serves as Medical Director for Bradford Health Services in Birmingham.

Whites, a former member of the Foundation Board of Directors, received his medical degree from the University of Mississippi School of Medicine in 1959 and completed rotating internships at Martin Army Hospital in Ft. Benning, Ga. He then began family practice medicine in Michigan before relocating to Birmingham, Ala.

In 1977, he became the Medical Director of Brookwood Lodge in Warrior, AL. This program would become a part of the Parkside organization, and later became Bradford Health Services, where Whites has continued as Medical Director.

## Eighth Annual Quadrangle Oak Society Reception Held

The Eighth Annual Quadrangle Oak Society Reception was held on Friday, April 29, 2005 at the home of President and Mrs. John Hilpert. This event was held in honor of alumni and friends who have named Delta State University as a beneficiary to their estate. Members and guests were treated to dinner at the President's home followed by a performance by Bruce Levingston at the Bologna Performing

Arts Center.

For more information about the becoming a member of the Quadrangle Oak Society or if you have already named the University in your estate, please contact Director of Development George Miller at (662) 846-4708 or gmiller@deltastate.edu.



Quadrangle Oak Society member Steve Cwikiel (center) and his wife, Paula, visit with Foundation Board member Nan Sanders (left) during a reception at the home of President and Mrs. John Hilpert. Cwikiel, a 1969 graduate, is an auditor for Federal Express in Memphis, TN.



Foundation Board member and 1967 graduate Nan Sanders (right) visits with Director of Development George Miller and his wife, Rachel, during the Quadrangle Oak Society reception. Miller is a 2000 graduate of the University.



Quadrangle Oak Society member Roy Wiley and his daughter Julie enjoy the reception at the home of President and Mrs. John Hilpert. Wiley a retired professor at the University has named the University in his estate plans by donating his private residence and setting up a charitable trust from sell of rental property.



Foundation Board Member Robert Smith visits with Rosalyn Moody during the Quadrangle Oak Society Reception. Smith, a Quadrangle Oak Society member, has endowed several scholarships in the School of Nursing and for the Wesley Foundation at the University. He also has named the University as a beneficiary to a Charitable Remainder Unitrust (CRUT).

## The Delta State Fund: "Changing Lives One Gift at a Time"

Thanks to the efforts of our student callers, The Delta State Fund continues to be a great success. In the Foundation's second spring phon-a-thon, students raised a grand total of \$103,282. The Spring Phon-a-thon began Sunday, April 3rd, and ended April 25th. Funds raised through this event help fund student scholarships, recruit new students, and enhance faculty development at the University.



with our alumni."

Missy Pearce, Director of Phone-a-thons, states, "We are trying hard to find our lost alumni, and make them aware of the strides their University is making. As we contact our alumni, we are able to stay in touch with them by sending them a copy of the DSU Magazine and e-Newsletter, with information of special events both past and present. We are also looking to correct addresses, phone numbers and email addresses to better communicate

Students at Delta State are working hard to achieve results through the Phon-a-thon by offering our alumni a way to help support their alma mater and to help make a difference.

If you would like to help in changing lives at Delta State, please contact the Foundation at (662) 846-4708 or contact George Miller, Director of Development, at [gmliller@deltastate.edu](mailto:gmliller@deltastate.edu).

## Levels of Annual Support

"Continue to join us in changing lives" by making a gift to the Delta State Fund!

Help the University set new records by joining the nearly 2,000 donors from the first-ever phon-a-thon and make a gift.

Please consider one of the below gift levels when called:

President's Club .....	\$10,000 or more
Statesmen Circle .....	\$5,000 to \$9,999
Founder's Club.....	\$2,500 to \$4,999
Dean's Circle .....	\$1,000 to \$2,499
University Associate .....	\$500 to \$999
Partner .....	\$250 to \$499
Heritage Club.....	\$100 to \$249
Young Alumni Club.....	\$99 to \$1

**CALLING BEGINS  
SEPTEMBER 25th.**

## What Value Do You Place On Your Delta State Experience?

Would you invest a little each year to help make Delta State  
the Best Regional University in America?

Visit [www.deltastate.edu](http://www.deltastate.edu) or contact the Alumni-Foundation staff  
at (662) 846-4708 to find out how you can impact the lives of  
Delta State's students by making a gift to *The Delta State Fund*.

**The Delta State Fund**  
*Changing Lives One Gift at a Time*





# DMI:

## Making the Business of Music

*By LeAnne Gault*

The Mississippi Delta has long been considered a travel destination for music aficionados. Now, Delta State University with the new Delta Music Institute is fast becoming an educational destination for music industry students. Students of the DMI will be immersed in the Delta cultural heritage from which most modern popular music descends. Class electives such as "History and Culture of the Mississippi Delta," and "The River" will provide students the opportunity to explore the land where the blues began while offering them an unrivaled technological opportunity in the music industry.

The focus of the DMI is to provide training in Sound Recording Technology and offer contemporary music experiences. DMI students will take courses in studio recording, music business, and gain performance experience in contemporary music studies such as jazz, blues, and popular music. Graduates can choose between a Bachelors of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies or a Bachelors of Arts in Music with Sound Recording Technology, a degree approved by the National Association of Schools of Music.

The Institute was originally conceived by Fred Carl, Jr., founder and CEO of Viking Range Corporation. An alumnus and longtime supporter of Delta State University, Carl also provided the lead financial gift for the DMI. Famed music producer Norbert Putnam was brought on board by Carl as a consultant and acoustic design engineer for the proposed recording studio. Putnam has a celebrated reputation in the music industry, producing records for artists such as Jimmy Buffet, Joan Baez, Linda Ronstadt, the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, and Dan Fogelberg.

In addition, he has recorded with hundreds of artists, including Elvis Presley and The Beatles. A native of Muscle Shoals, Putnam was recently inducted into the Alabama Music Hall of Fame. Under Putnam's guiding vision the Delta Music Institute will become a benchmark for contempo-



rary music studies in the Southeast.

Carl expressed his appreciation for Putnam's involvement. "When I first proposed this idea to Delta State, I had a small studio in mind for jazz and blues groups. When I got Norbert involved, he really took this concept to the next level! His expanded vision for this facility is going to make it a major asset for Delta State. We're very fortunate to have Norbert involved."

Currently, the DMI has a model recording studio located in a converted classroom where classes are led by Putnam. However, the Delta State University Foundation, Inc. is actively raising money to transform Whitfield Gym into a much larger studio and classrooms. According to Delta State University Dean of Arts and Sciences Collier Parker, the most unique aspect of the Delta Music Institute will be its enormous recording studio with the capability for a full symphony with 100-voice choir. This space is being modeled after Abbey Road Studio One in England, considered by many to be the top recording studio in the world and where Putnam recorded many top hit records.

A smaller studio will be used for contemporary rock, jazz, hip-hop, or blues recording. Both studios will feature state-of-the-art technology, including 5.1 surround-sound monitoring systems. With this new technology, Delta State University will be able to offer a revolutionary new method of teaching music engineering and mixing housed in the largest recording studio in a



*DMI Director Norbert Putnam (right) and old friend actor/musician, Kris Kristofferson*

university setting in the United States. "The new Sound Recording Technology track will offer excellent training for those who are interested in music production as a career," said Parker. "Few schools in the nation will provide the hands-on learning students will experience here. Not only will we offer the highest level of equipment, but the top echelon of teaching professionals as well."

Another feature of the DMI is that students will use their personal laptops as sound recording workstations where they can work individually on a piece of music, learning mixing and layering techniques by practicing, not just watching an instructor.

An Advisory Board, chaired by Putnam, is being selected and will include more than a dozen leading music professionals, in addition to Carl. The Advisory Board will commit itself to developing the new program at Delta

State University and making it one of the finest in the United States. Delta State President John Hilpert stated, "The Delta Music Institute is the number one fundraising priority of the university and the Delta State Foundation because of the prestige as well as the number and quality of students that it will bring to DSU. The DMI will be recording and technology focused and it will touch every aspect of the University and will involve many other departments such as business and pre-law studies in its curriculum."

While the financial backing of Fred Carl has successfully launched the program, additional funds are needed to ensure its success. The goal for this project has been set at \$5 million, and approximately \$800,000 has been raised thus far from State-appropriated funds and private gifts. For more information about the Delta Music Institute, or to make a donation, please contact George Miller, Director of Development, at (662) 846-4708 or Putnam at (662) 417-9625.

Visit the DMI website at [dmi.deltastate.edu](http://dmi.deltastate.edu) and [norbertputnam.com](http://norbertputnam.com).



*Student Chris Parker gets hands-on experience*

# Athletic Department unveils master plan

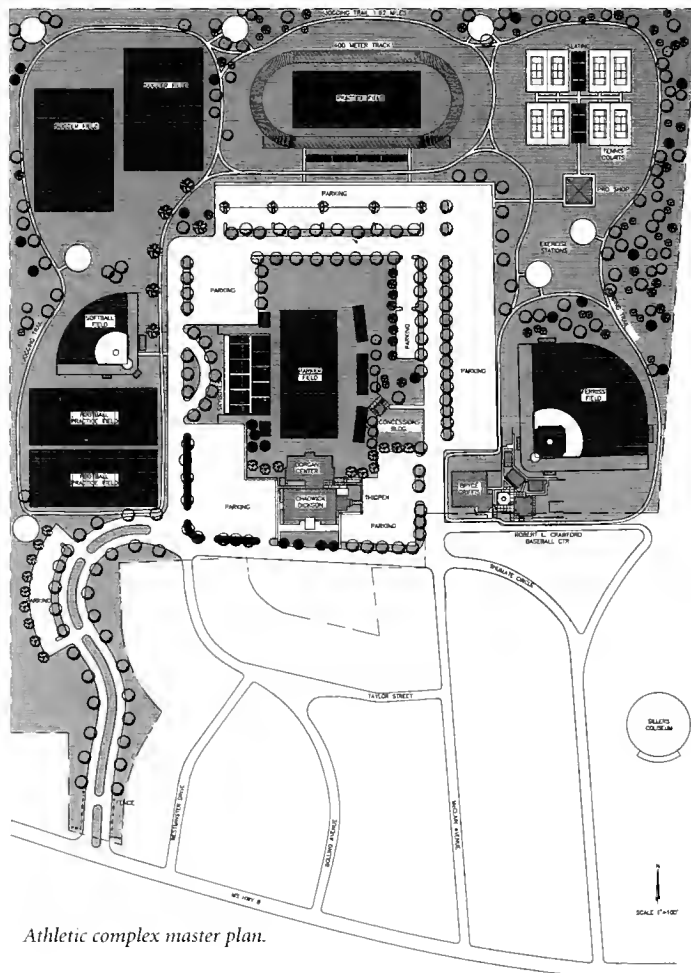
By Chip Mabry

The Athletic Department has recently finished several construction projects and has a "master site plan" for major improvements to the facilities on the North Campus. Construction that has been completed includes the \$1.8 million addition to the Chadwick-Dickson Field House including the Billy Dorgan, Jr. Student Performance Center and the \$350,000 J. A. "Bud" Thigpen, Jr. Baseball Annex.

Currently a \$350,000 addition to Ferriss Field, the Robert L. Crawford Baseball Service Center, is being put through the bidding process. This addition will include a memorabilia room dedicated to Coach Dave "Boo" Ferriss, concessions, restrooms, and a dressing room for umpires. Another \$100,000 will be spent to add visitor's concessions and updated restrooms at Travis E. Parker Field. Also slated is a \$100,000 renovation to Walter Sillers Coliseum.

One of the more exciting developments is the "master site plan" for North Campus. This is a project to tie in all athletic venues with a walking track and construction of a

new boulevard that will provide access to the facilities without having to drive through local neighborhoods. Athletic Director Brad Teague is understandably excited about these plans. "We always want to improve our facilities and this is a great way to tie everything together. We envision a 1.7 mile multi-purpose track that runs around all the athletic venues. This will be open to the public as well as students and can be used for walking, jogging or biking. The new Boulevard will provide much easier access to all athletic venues and should alleviate a lot of parking problems on game days," Teague says.



*Athletic complex master plan.*



*Teague, Mitchell and head football coach Rick Rhodes review the master plan*

Athletic Department booster Ned Mitchell is also excited about the improvements. Mitchell says "We want to make this a park like environment. You can walk the track and stop for a few minutes and watch a tennis match or whatever else is going on. It will be well landscaped with perhaps even a lake being

added." Mitchell goes on to say "This will be a great boost to the local economy. We will have more visitors and a great place that people will love to visit. As a former football player at Delta State I am particularly excited about the planned renovations to the football complex-including the press box, club seating, and playing field, which will enhance the landscaping as well."

Teague echoes Mitchell's thoughts, offering, "We are glad to be able to upgrade and focus on our athletic facilities while providing the public with some great green spaces to enjoy. Our goal is to get more people out here while showcasing the great athletics we already have." Funding for the project will be sought through Federal and State grants as well as private donations.

For more information on any of these projects contact the Athletic Department at (662) 846-4300 or bteague@deltastate.edu.

## Baseball Alumnus Al Bible Continues Tradition of Giving

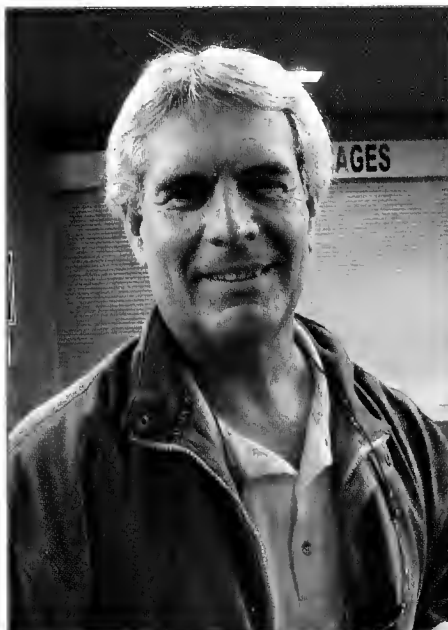
The J.A. "Bud" Thigpen, Jr. Baseball Annex is nearly completed and thanks to a donation by former Statesmen Al Bible the project is a complete success! Bible is donating \$30,000 in furniture and accessories for the newly completed Thigpen Annex.

"Al's dedication to our program is a great example of the loyal baseball alumnus we have here at Delta State," stated head baseball coach Mike Kinnison. "He has played a major role in numerous projects for us over the years and without his willingness to help many of the enhancements around our program would not have been possible."

Bible's dedication to the program began as a member of the 1970 edition of the Diamond Statesmen. "Al was a fine player and hard worker for our team and program," stated Coach Dave "Boo" Ferriss. "He always gave 110-percent and did whatever was needed on the field." Ferriss added, "Al's success in life is a testament to his hard work and determination in everything that he does. He is such an asset to our program."

That desire and dedication is evident in every aspect of the Delta State University Baseball program. "Al has done so much for us over the years," stated Coach Kinnison. "In 2001-02 he played a major role in the furnishings of the Griffis Indoor Practice Facility and in the addition of chair-back seats behind home plate."

In 2003-04 Coach Kinnison and the Athletic Department renovated the locker room for the team and again Bible was a major figure in that project. "Al and his company came up to personally install the new wood lockers at no charge and he personally donated all the stools for the players and coaches to use." Kinnison added, "It is clear that DSU holds a special place in his heart and I have honestly been overwhelmed by his generosity. As a



*Al Bible*

coach it is comforting to know that you have people in your program that care as much about its growth and successes as you do."

Since his playing days at DSU, Bible has become a successful businessman in the Jackson area. Bible owns Business and Educational Furnishings, Inc. and currently resides in Flora.

The Thigpen Annex was built by Roy Collins Construction, Inc. of Cleveland and completed a month ahead of schedule. "The building was certified on June 10th and turned over to us. Our coaches and players are a little anxious to get into the facility," stated Brad Teague, Director of Athletics. "We planned for a July completion and Al ordered the furniture accordingly." Teague chuckled, "They're just going to have to have a little patience."

The new facility features offices for Kinnison and his staff on the second floor with an expanded locker room and players lounge on the first floor. The building was designed to flow with the recently completed Billy Dorgan, Jr. Student Performance Center and the Chadwick-Dickson Athletic Field House.

For more information on the facility or to learn more about the Green & White Fund, please contact the DSU Athletic Department at (662) 846-4300.

## Record Crowd Attends South Central Regional

Fans of Delta State University Statesmen baseball turned out in record numbers to see the Statesmen claim a second-consecutive South Central Region title May 19-21 at Dave "Boo" Ferriss Field. On May 19 versus the University of West Alabama, 2,175 fans watched the Statesmen defeated the Tigers 18-4 in the opening round of the regional.

"Our fans have always been so loyal to the program and their support was evident tonight," stated DSU head coach Mike Kinnison. "Our fans really give us a home field advantage and our players certainly love playing in that atmosphere."

DSU has led all NCAA Division II Regionals in total attendance for the last three years. This season a total of 5,501 fans attended the three day event. Over the last four years attendance has grown each regional. "We hope our attendance continues to grow every year," added Brad Teague, Director of Athletics. "We love the atmosphere and there is no place like it in DII!"

South Central Regional Attendance at  
Dave "Boo" Ferriss Field  
2005 - 5,501\*  
2004 - 3,618  
2003 - 3,090  
2002 - 3,013

\* Includes school record 2,175 fans versus West Alabama (5-19-05)



*Ferriss Field*

## Green & White Fund needs your support

The Green & White Fund is a factor imperative to the excellence of Delta State athletics. DSU is recognized academically and athletically as one of the top Division II programs in the nation, which is only possible because of support from the university community and family. In 2004-05, the Green & White Fund contributed more than \$175,000 for improvements to program operations.

By joining the Green & White Fund, sports fans have the opportunity to play an active part in the programs' enhancements, and membership will help to develop the distinction of the university's student-athletes. Membership levels start as low as \$50, and avenues of giving include annual giving, scholarship endowments, planned giving, and special project support.

We welcome and encourage all Delta State alumni, family, and friends to join the Green & White Fund to show their pride in DSU athletics! Please call or email Assistant Athletic Director, Dana George at (662) 846-4289 or [dgeorge@deltastate.edu](mailto:dgeorge@deltastate.edu) for more information.

## Join us: Homecoming, October 29th

(See schedule on back page)



## Mark your calendars! September 10th is Pig Pickin'



The place to be Saturday, September 10th is Shumate Park for Pig Pickin'! The annual barbeque festival, hosted by the Delta State University Alumni Foundation and Athletic Department, promises to offer more than ever before. "We are very excited about Pig Pickin' this year," stated Brad Teague, Director of Athletics. "Last year we set a record attendance for the game and this season looks to be even better."

This year fans will have the opportunity to attend the Billy Dorgan, Jr. Student Performance Center ribbon cutting. "The Dorgan's generosity will forever enhance the academic and athletic achievements of our student athletes," added Teague.

"This year's celebration has special significance to our coaches, players, students, faculty, staff, fans and alumni," stated Teague. "We will also officially dedicate 'Freedom Plaza' in a moving tribute to those that have paid the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms."

The schedule will also feature plenty of entertainment in Shumate Park for the entire family. The biannual Statesmen Baseball Reunion will be held at Ferriss Field and Shumate Park.

For more information, please call the DSU Athletic Department at (662) 846-4300 or log on to [www.gostatesmen.com](http://www.gostatesmen.com) to obtain a complete schedule of events.



# Knights of Columbus fill need at Parker Field

Any fan of Delta State University athletics will tell you that the Statesmen and Lady Statesmen play in some of the finest facilities in the country. Football fans get the pleasure of watching the Statesmen each year in Travis E. Parker Field, but one thing has always been in the back of head coach Rick Rhoades mind. Parker Field needed a new flag pole. The current pole needed to be updated and placed in a more prominent location.

Earlier this spring Rhoades approached the Green & White Booster Club to help in this venture. A number of people stepped forward to offer assistance and in a matter of days the Knights of Columbus answered the call to help with the project. Gary Gainspoletti and Marvin Lott of the Knights of Columbus and Bill Quinton, project coordinator, are leading the team responsible for the construction of



Gainspoletti, Quinton and Lott

"Freedom Plaza."

"In today's world everyone needs to be mindful of the price our freedom carries with it," stated Gary Gainspoletti of the Knights of Columbus and past President of the Green & White Club. "Many of our members fought for the freedoms we enjoy and when the opportunity came to give something back, we jumped at the chance."

The project calls for a brick plaza to be built in the south endzone at Parker Field.

The plaza will feature a new 60' flagpole surrounded by a brick structure. Bill Quinton, project coordinator, stated, "The brick plaza will be dedicated to former Delta State University students and athletes who have paid the ultimate price for our freedom. Their sacrifice will be an unending reminder of the price we must pay to be free."

"There were many ideas floating out there on how we would build the structure," stated Quinton. "When Marvin (Lott) suggested a brick structure with plaques honoring those fallen everyone agreed immediately."

"We hope to dedicate the plaza on September 10th at Pig Pickin'," stated Brad Teague, Director of Athletics. "It is truly amazing to see the support our university receives from this community. The willingness to support the project by the Knights of Columbus is another example of the unending support this university has from the Cleveland community." "Without their help and support this project would not be possible."

## DELTA STATE FOOTBALL '05

08/27	Pittsburg State	Pittsburg, KS	6:00p
09/03	Texas State	San Marcos, TX	6:00p
09/10	West Alabama **	Cleveland	6:00p
09/17	North Alabama *	Florence, AL	6:00p
09/24	Henderson State *	Arkadelphia, AR	6:00p
10/01	Valdosta State *	Cleveland	6:00p
10/06	Arkansas Tech *	Cleveland	7:00p
10/15	Central Arkansas *	Conway, AR	6:00p
10/22	Harding *	Cleveland	6:00p
10/29	Ouachita Baptist **	Cleveland	3:00p
11/05	UA-Monticello	Monticello, AR	6:00p

\* - Pig Pickin' Weekend at Shumate Park

\*\* - Homecoming 2005

All DSU home games will feature "Shumate Saturdays" three hours prior to kickoff in Shumate Park. For more information on "Shumate Saturdays" call (662) 846-4300



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Biloxi	WGCM	1240 AM
Golden Triangle		980 AM
		1230 AM 1400 AM
Southaven	WAVN	1240 AM



# WITH THE CLASSES



Turnage

**35** Nancy Beadel Turnage of Shreveport, LA proudly wears her "Golden Circle" medalion presented to alumni who have graduated 50 years ago or more. She sends her greetings to her friends.

**60** Thomas L. "Jet" Rogers of Pensacola, Fla. is a consultant with Riddell, the world's largest manufacturer of football helmets.

**61** Noal Akins of Oxford is a member of the Mississippi House of Representatives.

**64** Betty Jo Abraham is working part-time at a law firm in Atlanta and also as a professional storyteller.

**68** Kirby Lane of Brandon is CFO of U.S. Legal Forms, Inc.

**70** Charles W. Jourdan is an area manager for Unishippers/DHL shippers in Birmingham, Ala.

George E. Lewis of Clinton has been appointed Executive Director of the Mississippi Municipal League.

Charles Pittman of Jackson serves on the staff of Governor Haley Barbour as head of Constituent Services.

**71** Ralph Carson of Jacksonville, Fla. is the Vice President, Southeast Region for Macmillan/McGraw-Hill Educational Publishers.

**72** Gary Walker is practicing health-care law with Allen Dell, PA in Tampa, Fla.

Mike Fox currently owns and operates the NAPA store in Charleston.

**74** Catchie Crider of Bay St. Louis was selected by the Gulf Coast Band Directors Association as the "High School Band Director of the Year" for 2004-05. She completed her 26th year as a band director.

**76** John Chrestman of Smithville is principal at Sulligent (Ala.) Elementary School and also raises cattle and sells pre-owned cars.

**77** Colonel Mark L. Clemons of Belle Chasse, La. is currently the Operations Group Commander of the 926th Fighter Wing.

**80** Ted Poore of Madison was named "Outstanding High School Administrator" for 2004-05 by the Mississippi State Association of Student Councils.

**83** John Hardin has accepted a position as a financial advisor with Morgan Stanley in Jonesboro, Ark.

Wilbur Myers of Bassfield is the Shipping Superintendent for Sanderson Farm. A member of the Delta State Sports Hall of Fame and former NFL player with the Denver Broncos, he was recently featured in an article in the Prentiss Headlight newspaper.

**84** Teresa Hardin has recently accepted a new teaching position with the Jonesboro (Ark.) School System.

**85** Timothy A. Goodwin of Olive Branch received the Legion of Honor Award from the United Cultural Convention for his contributions to worldwide humanity and personal excellence in achievement.

**86** David Leatherwood of Senatobia is serving as the Logistical Officer for the 155th Brigade Combat Team currently

serving in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in Iraq.

**87** Joe Saia of Cleveland has been upgraded to Airbus First Officer for Northwest Airlines.

Stephen S. Sutton of Olive Branch has currently accepted a Major Account Representative position with Brenntag Mid-South, a distributor of specialty and industrial chemicals.

**88** Stephen B. Stanfill of Acworth, Ga. recently received an award for "Excellence in Promoting a Positive Working Environment" from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control.

Dr. Dexter L. Criss of Morrisonville, NY is an assistant professor of chemistry at Plattsburg State University. He was selected as one of the recipients of the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Donnis Chatman of Clarksdale was promoted to Deputy Warden at Mississippi Department of Corrections at Parchman.

Tracy Wright Spencer of Lumberton, Tex. has just received tenure at Lamar Institute of Technology.



Steen

Worth Steen of Olive Branch has joined BankPlus as senior vice president for its DeSoto county office

**89** Tommy Poirier has taken a position as satellite branch manager for Intertek Caleb Brett, based in Mobile, Ala.

**90** Carol Ann Drane of Madison was recently selected 2005 "My Favorite Teacher" Award by the Mississippi Federation of Republican Women. Dr. Susan Jenay Neely-Blackstone of

Greenwood is a physician at the Greenwood Leflore Hospital and maintains a private medical practice The Carrollton Clinic.

**91** Christy Lynn McBrayer of New Orleans is a writer/actress and stand up comedienne.

Mandy Morse is the Administrative Assistant to the Children's Ministry at Second Presbyterian Church in Memphis.

Mark Whipple is the President/CEO of Metro Auto Plaza Sales and Rentals, Inc. in Gulfport.

David D. Clark, Ph.D of St. Louis, MO was recently hired as the Assistant Dean of Student Development/Director of Activities at Pace University in New York City.

**92** Robert Dorch has recently accepted an assistant principal position at Bremen High School in Bremen, Ga.



Wise

Kenny Wise of Hernando has joined the BankPlus as senior vice president and senior real estate lender for its DeSoto county office.

**93** James D. Johnson was named the "2005

E.E. Caston Courage in Leadership Award" recipient. He was also elected Alderman of Ward 2 in Ruleville.

**94** Sam Temple of Clinton has been named head baseball coach at Hinds Community College.

**95** Kathryn Bertin of Southaven has been promoted to Direct Marketing Manager of American Home Shied.

James Glorioso of Cleveland has recently been promoted at Union Planters Bank as the Community President.

Randy Summers is employed by NASCAR in Daytona Beach, Fla. as a captain on NASCAR's Raytheon Beechcraft Hawker 800XP.

**97** Dunnam Joseph is a branch sales manager with HSBC Finance in

Fayetteville, Ga.

**98** Johnny Daves is the head baseball coach and assistant football coach at Franklin County High School in Meadville.

Montie Moore of Byram has been elected Vice-President of the Mississippi Chorus.

Adam Otts of Loganville, Ga. was recently appointed dealer development manager of the John Deere dealership in Atlanta.

**99** Cory Radicioni is an associate with the law firm of Wise, Carter, Child & Caraway in the Jackson office.

Leigh Anne Arbogast is employed as a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist for Geisinger Medical Center in Danville, Penn.

Joseph Horton of Los Angeles, Calif. is currently working for Wyeth Pharmaceuticals.

Neill Bartling of Mendenhall has been named head baseball coach at Brandon High School.

**00** Deborah Kay Thompson of Holly Springs is a Certified Family Nurse Practitioner for Rheumatology and Osteoporosis.

Justin "Fish" Robinson of Abbyville is a College Pastor at North Oxford Baptist Church.

Ryan Stawbridge was promoted to branch officer of Merchants & Farmers Bank in Canton.

Robby (Betsy) Griffin England of Southaven is currently employed by Mid-South Rehabilitation Services, Inc. of Jackson as the Speech Therapist and Director of Rehabilitation at the Senatobia Convalescent Center.

Joey Cummings of Pago Pago, American Samoa has currently been promoted to General Manager for South Seas Broadcasting, Inc.



Mangialardi

Michael Mangialardi is assistant vice president/branch manager

for BankPlus' Highland Colony Concourse office in Ridgeland.

**02** Michelle Smith of Batesville is the Office Supervisor for Cable One. She was named one of the "Top 50 Business Women" in the Delta in the Delta Business Journal.

Ryan Taylor England of Southaven is currently employed by Specialized Medical Concepts, Inc. of Memphis as a sales consultant in the field of cardiovascular surgical supplies.

Geary S. Howell Jr. of Port Gibson is currently teaching Biology at Chamberlain Hunt Academy. He is the head boy and girls track coach.

**03** Kristy McCain Daniels of Cleveland is working for Bethesda Cancer Resource Centers as the Mississippi Marketing Representative.

Rachel Fitzgerald Webb of Memphis, Tenn. is a patient account representative for Accredo Nova Factor Pharmacy.

## ALUMNI DIRECTORY IN THE WORKS!

The 2006  
Alumni Directory  
is in production.

Please respond to  
the survey being  
mailed to you in  
August.



## Student Hall of Fame Reunion

1971 -2005

## Homecoming Weekend

October 29, 2005

For more information and a list of members, visit the Alumni Website:

[www.deltastate.edu](http://www.deltastate.edu)

Click on Alumni Guest

Click on Alumni Events

"Student Hall of Fame"

Please email Vicki at  
[vfioran@deltastate.edu](mailto:vfioran@deltastate.edu)  
if you were inducted into the  
Student Hall of Fame  
between 1971 and 2005.

## New Life Members Since Spring 2005

Pam C. Anthony .....1987  
James W. Bradham.....2001  
Samuel James Bridgers, Jr. ....1949  
Keith Burkett.....2000  
Kimberly Burkett.....1999  
F. Chris Calcote.....1974  
Joyce Calcote.....1974  
Jimmie Ruth Cannon .....1960  
William G. Cannon.....1959  
Micah Carrington .....2000  
Dana Cobb .....2000  
Shannon Cobb .....2000  
Arthur T. Dalton .....1985  
April Davidson .....2001  
Neil A. Davidson.....2001  
Mark W. Davis .....1979  
Miriam T. Davis .....1936  
Joseph B. Gary.....1961  
Myrna C. Holifield .....1979  
Jimmy H. Ishee .....1976  
Brian D. Luke .....1986  
Jamie Luke.....1985  
Andrea M. Ludwig .....2001  
Henry L. Ludwig.....2000  
Celia A. Manley.....1982

Dr. E. Carlyle Meek, III .....1970  
Terry Meek .....1970  
Mona Norwood-Milan .....2002  
Jennifer J. Mogenson .....1993  
Pax Mogenson .....1993  
Carmen Oguz .....1992  
Cetin Oguz .....2001  
Phyllis C. Poovey.....2003  
Dr. Halsey D. Posey.....1973  
James T. Rogers .....1955  
Nan L. Sanders .....1967  
Dameon Shaw .....1997  
Erin A. Smithhart .....1996  
Ricky B. Smith .....1979  
Diane Smith .....1980  
Esterine Smothers .....1984  
Gregory C. Smothers.....1984  
Tanya Paige Taylor.....1992  
William E. Tolbert.....1978  
Larry Woodruff .....1970  
Amy R. Woods .....2001

*Note: To assure your privacy, the Alumni Association will no longer use social security numbers as your I.D.*

## Complete the form below to become an active member of the DELTA STATE UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION!

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Nickname: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (H): \_\_\_\_\_ (W): \_\_\_\_\_ (C): \_\_\_\_\_

*For our tax records, please use your full legal name.*

Please check the type membership that best suits your needs:

☐ 1 year (\$20 single, \$30 joint) ☐ Life (\$300 single, \$400 joint)

I would also like to join the following alumni groups:

☐ Accounting (\$10) ☐ Aviation (\$5) ☐ Music (\$5)  
☐ Art (\$5) ☐ Black (\$5) ☐ Nursing (\$5)  
☐ Athletic (\$10) ☐ Family & Consumer Science (H. Ec.) (\$5)

Total amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Check ☐ VISA ☐ Mastercard

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Name: (exactly as it appears on card) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Life dues can be paid in installments of \$50 each year.

Make Checks payable to: DSU Alumni Association  
Mail to: Box 3104, Cleveland, MS 38733

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# Wedding Bells

Rachael Ann Fitzgerald '03 to Joshua L Webb on December 20, 2003.

Gwen Sayle King '88 to Michael Lott on February 14, 2004.

Marilyn Kay Summitt '86 to D. Michael Lewis on May 15, 2004.

Paula Turner '98 to Stacy Ables on July 10, 2004.

Danielle Miranda Hovas '02 to Matthew Whitfield on July 10, 2004.

Paula Turner '98 to Stacy Kevin Ables on July 10, 2004.

Amy Robinson '03 to Brian Lofton on July 16, 2004.

Rebecca Michelle Campbell '04 to Jay Pascal Baker '02 on October 2, 2004.

Candace Dawn Moore to Jeffery Charles Brewer '94 on October 9, 2004.

Angela Renee Pippin to Richard Lawrence Brandon '02 on October 22, 2004.

Dana Nannette Bradshaw to Justin Pace George '00 on October 23, 2004.

Kim Sparks to Matt Waldrop '04 on October 23, 2004.

Martha Elizabeth Curlee to Dr. Ryan Douglas Russell '99 on October 23, 2004

Brenda Lee Ables '04 to Joe Frank Carson, III on November 6, 2004.

Margaret Kate Florence to John Christopher Pope '03 on November 6, 2004.

Katherine G. Wylie to Dr. Rush G. Miller '69 on November 12, 2004.

Carrie Margaret Otts to Matthew Raymond Rocconi '02 on November 13, 2004.



*Mona Norwood-Milan*

March 19, 2005.

Susie Campbell to Tommy Poirier '89 on April 9, 2005.

Ashley Chay Sanford to Sam Anthony Mangialardi '98 on April 16, 2005.

Christina Hebert to Jeremy "Nathan" Ross '02 on April 30, 2005.

Jayne Sayroo to Hunter McIntyre '02 on May 7, 2005.

Carrie Kay Boettger to John "Gumby" Kyzar '97 on May 14, 2005.

Robbye Elizabeth "Betsy" Griffin '00 to Ryan Taylor England '02 on May 21, 2005.

Emily Gwynn Erwin '99 to George William Weaver, Jr. '97 on May 21, 2005.

Mona Norwood-Milan '02 to Donnie H. Scucchi on December 21, 2004.

Leslie Renee Brewer '04 to Adam Christopher Tyler '03 on

Natalie Rae Burton '99 to John Gregori Yurkow, III '01 on May 21, 2005.

Tanna Pate '03 to Cade Bryant on May 28, 2005.

Edith Allen Sledge '86 to Ervin Brian Scholwinski on May 28, 2005.

Linda Nicole Harris to Kenneth Leon Dawson, Jr. '84 on May 28, 2005.

Megan Elizabeth Gardner '04 to Kreig Austin Bell on June 4, 2005.

Cristina Elizabeth Heredia '01 to Jeremy Gordon Slade on June 4, 2005.

Anna Carolyn Koonce to John Allen "Bo" Williams, II '04 on June 11, 2005.

Lauranne Jennings Vance '03 to Steven John Tomaszewski, Jr. on June 18, 2005.



*Jenifer Lynn Pagani*

Jenifer Lynn Pagani '01 to Michael Laurendine on June 25, 2005.

Natalie Hope Biles '03 to Rance Joseph Richard on June 25, 2005.

Jennifer Lee Curry '03 to Johnathan Bryant Lumbley on June 25, 2005.

Ashley Hopkins to Steven Anthony '97 on July 30, 2005.

## In Memoriam

James "Jim" Floyd, Jr. (1976) on January 31, 2005.

James Robert Hannah (1961) on February 6, 2005.

Biven B. "Buddy" Patterson (1965) on February 21, 2005.

Kathryn "Kitty" Powell (1946) on March 2, 2005.

Billy Wayne Hood (1976) on April 12, 2005.

Judge Robert Lee Lowry on April 24, 2005.

Jane Michie Henry (1941) on April 25, 2005.

Ollie Dean McWhirter (1948) on May 1, 2005.

Claude Porter (1952) on May 13, 2005.

George Robert Mahoney (1967) on May 29, 2005.

# Baby Statesmen

Matthew Robert to Mr. and Mrs. Don Lee Coleman '85 (Cheryl Carr '85) on January 6, 2003.



*Arendale*

Aubrey Ruth to Mr. and Mrs. Alan Arendale '95 on February 27, 2004.

Matthew Joseph to Mr. and Mrs. Keith McDonald (Mary Margaret Vandevender '96) on May 21, 2004.



*McClung*

Carson Reed to Mr. and Mrs. Josh McClung on June 10, 2004.

Adam Fisher to Mr. and Mrs. Justin "Fish" Robinson '00 (Elizabeth Jane Eure '97) on June 17, 2004.

Landry Allison to Mr. and Mrs. Russell Stewart Jenkins '96 (Kelly Allison Heatherly '94) on July 16, 2004.

James Ellis to Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Dill (Bethany Dill '98) on July 20, 2004.

Abigail Rae to Mr. and Mrs. Lance Williamson (Cassie Walley '02) on July 20, 2004.



*Hubbard*

Caroline Ivy to Mr. and Mrs. Jay Hubbard '99 (Lyn Warren '96) on August 4, 2004.

Rylee Kate to Mr. and Mrs. Scott Eyster (Jayme Brooks '03) on August 12, 2004.

Elise Ray to Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Johnson (Laurie Griffin '93) on August 23, 2004.



*Shive*

Dawson Colt to Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Shive (Leslie Clark '99) on September 3, 2004.

Reagan Matthew to Mr. and Mrs. Paul R. Kyle '91 on September 30, 2004.



*Logan*

Nathan Roane to Mr. and Mrs. Roane Logan '99 (Libbi Kimbrough '99) on October 13, 2004.

Elizabeth Brook to Mr. and Mrs. Avery Bridges (Marilyn Wilson '92) on October 18, 2004.

Thomas "Ethan" to Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Klinck '99 (Amanda Lenard '99) in November, 2004.

William Jacob to Mr. and Mrs. Jason Estridge '98 (Melanie Terrell '00) on November 9, 2004.



*Robinson*

Darby Clare to Mr. and Mrs. Phil Robinson '92 (Angie Tidmore '92) on November 17, 2004.

Kelly "Camille" to Dr. and Mrs. M. Walter "Walt"

Towery (Rachel Rawlinson '98) on December 7, 2004.



*Phipps*

Anna Lewis to Mr. and Mrs. Cade Bryant (Tanna Michelle Pate '03) on January 13, 2005.

Joshua Korban to Mr. and Mrs. Steve Phipps (Elizabeth Riddell '02) on January 29, 2005.



*Mancini*

Marleigh Capps to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Anthony Mancini '00 Lesley Lane Richards '00 on February 8, 2005.

Frank Henry "Hank" to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Zuniga (Mandy Ervin '02) on February 10, 2005.

Courtney Brooke to Mr. and Mrs. Jimbo Whitt (Brook Lincoln '93) on February 18, 2005.

Katherine Reid "Kate" to Mr. and Mrs. Joe



*Kirkland*

Malone (Elizabeth McGovern '90) on February 23, 2005.

Audra Kathleen to Mr. and Mrs. Chris Kirkland '95 (Angie Carr '95) on March 21, 2005.



*Taylor*

Reagan Elizabeth to Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Christian Plitt '96 (Kaye "Kaby" Brown '97) on April 9, 2005.



*Todd*

Joseph Robert to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Taylor (Tanya Taylor '92) on April 19, 2005.

Carson Michael to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Allen Todd (Laura Jennings '96) on April 27, 2005.

Tanner Cole to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Randolph Wimberly, II '97 (Jennifer Tanner '98) on April 28, 2005.

Jude Banin to Mr. and Mrs. Jason White (Kristy Armstrong '95) on April 29, 2005.

Maryn Elizabeth to Mr. and Mrs. Henry "Hank" Ludwig '00 (Andrea Marconi '01) on May 23, 2005.

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**newborn, wedding,  
job change or other  
significant event**  
in your life,  
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# Alumni Update

What better way to let your classmates know where you are and what you are doing than through the "Alumni Updates"?

Tell us about yourself: Recently married? Taken a new job? Been promoted? Changed addresses? Welcomed new children?

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone(s): (H): \_\_\_\_\_ (W): \_\_\_\_\_ (C): \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation Year or Year attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Here's my update: \_\_\_\_\_

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Mail to: Alumni Office, Box 3104,  
DSU, Cleveland, Mississippi 38733  
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FALL 05

## Lost Alumni

### Class of 1945

Mrs Virginia K Henderson

### Class of 1955

Mrs Elsie Black

Mrs Juanita Newton

### Class of 1965

Mrs James Campbell

Mrs Billy Carson

Mrs Louise Clara

Mr Whit Dalton

Ms Patsy Davenport

Ms Anne D Ferguson

Mrs Billie Fite

Mrs Nylcene Hendon

Ms Marilyn Hodges

Ms Gloria D Hudson

Mrs Elizabeth Kecher

Mr Douglas I. Kerksey

Mrs Scottie Kilhal

Mrs Rebecca Knox

Mr Donald R Leach

Mrs Joyce C Lee

Mrs Harold McCelland

Mr Bobby G Murphy

Mrs Sue N Neely

Mrs Bettye H Peterson

Ms Becky Ray

Mrs Robert N Reed

Mr Albert L Wilcox Jr

Mr Marvin C Williams

If you have information about the above "lost alumni", please e-mail [alumni@deltastate.edu](mailto:alumni@deltastate.edu) or fax information to 662.846.4713 or call 662.846.4705.

with the classes



**Saturday,  
September 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Call (662) 846-4705 for  
more information.**

## Schedule of Events for Pig Pickin'

- 7:30 a.m.** Registration for Forest Wyatt Golf Classic (2 person scramble) - Cleveland Country Club  
(Call Bill Marchant at 662-846-4565 for more information)
- 8:00 a.m.** DSU Triathlon - Natatorium  
(Call Ronnie Mayers at 662-846-4730 for more information)
- 1:00 p.m.** Alumni Baseball Game, Ferriss Field
- 1:30-2:45 p.m.** Judging of the Cook Teams, Shumate Park
- 2:00-5:00 p.m.** Kid Zone, Shumate Park
- 3:00-5:00 p.m.** Pig Pickin' / Delta Style serving lines open, Shumate Park  
(Tickets are available at Hugh Ellis Walker Alumni/Foundation House \$8.00 for Adults & \$5.00 for DSU Students & Children)
- 3:45 p.m.** Football Team Walk Through, Shumate Park
- 5:45 p.m.** Dedication of the Billy Dorgan, Jr., Student Performance Center, Parker Field
- 6:00 p.m.** Delta State vs. University of West Alabama, Parker Field  
(Coaches Hall of Fame Inductees honored at half time)

*Purchase football game tickets and Pig Pickin' tickets  
online at [www.GoStatesmen.com](http://www.GoStatesmen.com)*

## Dambrino wins Miss Mississippi title



Kristian Dambrino, a junior from Grenada, was crowned "Miss Mississippi" for 2005. The former Miss Grenada will represent Mississippi in Miss America pageant held in January. In her year as Miss Mississippi, she hopes to help raise money for the Mississippi High School for the Arts in Brookhaven.

Dambrino has already written forty original songs and produced her first CD, Red Mind. She performed at the Smith Family Theater in Pigeon Forge, Tenn., a troupe that blends country, bluegrass and oldies music with comedic banter.

## Did you go on an outback kayak adventure with Dave and Henry?



**They are working on putting old slides and videos on  
DVD, including trips between 1971-1993.**

Send your old photos and videos to Dave Heflin at [heflin@bayspringstet.net](mailto:heflin@bayspringstet.net) or contact him at (601) 739-3707. You may also email Henry Outlaw at [houtlaw@deltastate.edu](mailto:houtlaw@deltastate.edu).



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- Two Invitations to President's Award Dinner

### EXECUTIVE PRODUCER - \$5,000

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- Sponsor a Mainstage performance

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## *'05-'06 Season*

*Madame Butterfly*  
Friday, September 30th

*Promise of the Blues*  
Thursday, October 20th

*Dracula*  
Monday, October 31st

*Taming of the Shrew*  
Tuesday, November 1st

*Mooseltoe, a new musical*  
Tuesday, November 29th

*Steve Azar*  
Thursday, December 8th

*Sowetto Gospel Choir*  
Tues, February 7th  
& Wed, February 8th

*Glenn Miller Orchestra*  
Friday, March 3rd

*Thoroughly Modern Millie*  
Thursday, March 30th

*Garrison Keillor*  
Monday, April 3rd

*Sleeping Beauty*  
*Russian National Ballet*  
Tuesday, April 25th

For more information on the Bologna  
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# HOMECOMING: *Through the Years*

## SPECIAL REUNIONS

STUDENT HALL OF FAME  
MEMBERS

1970 TRACK TEAM

1965 FOOTBALL TEAM

CLASS OF 1955,  
50-YEAR GRADUATES

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28

"Antique Toys, History of the Delta", Capps Archives and Museum

"Alumni Art Exhibit", Wright Art Gallery

Downtown Merchant Window Display Competition, Downtown Cleveland

4:00 p.m. Homecoming Parade through campus and downtown

5:30 p.m. Induction and Dinner of 50 Year or more graduates "Golden Circle"

6:00 p.m. "M" Club Reunion, 2nd Floor, East lobby, H. L. Nowell Union

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29

Jimmy R. Williams Bookstore open until 2 p.m. H. L. Nowell Union

(10% for dues paying members of Alumni Association)

"Antique Toys, History of the Delta", Capps Archives and Museum

"Alumni Art Exhibit", Wright Art Gallery

Downtown Merchant Window Display Competition, Downtown Cleveland

8:30-11:00 a.m. Homecoming Registration, 1st Floor H.L. Nowell Union

9:30-11:00 a.m. Alumni Brunch, H.L. Nowell Union State Room

11:00 a.m. Organizations and Constituent Group meetings

11:00 a.m. Open Houses (Department and Greek Organizations)

(visit [www.deltastate.edu](http://www.deltastate.edu), click on "Alumni and Guests" and "Alumni Events")

## SHUMATE PARK HOMECOMING FESTIVITIES

- |                |  |
|----------------|--|
| Noon           | Tailgating, Tent Parties, and Activities     |
| 12:45 p.m.     | Football Team "Walk Through" and Pep Rally   |
| 1:00 p.m.      | Renaissance Music Ensemble Performance       |
| 1:00-3:00 p.m. | Reunions, open houses, tents at Shumate Park |
| 3:00 p.m.      | Football Game DSU vs. Ouachita Baptist       |
| 7:00 p.m.      | Student Hall of Fame Members Banquet         |

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